

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, April 23, 2019)

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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin,
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Julie Burch, Recorder

Absent: Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

1. RECEPTION FOR RECIPIENTS OF PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS AND EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

Prior to the start of the regular business meeting the Commissioners hosted a reception to honor recipients of the Peoples Choice Awards and Employee Years of Service Awards.

2. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of April 9, 2019, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

3. PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation was presented for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS

A. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - People's Choice Awards

Present: Catherine Pratson, Director
June Robrecht, Deputy Director

The following individuals were recipients of the "People's Choice" awards for going above and beyond the call of duty and exceeding expectations while working to support the mission of St. Mary's County Government.

Cheri Noffsinger, Sharon Ferris - County Administrator's Office:

Dennis Wolcott, Gerald Gardiner, Larry Miedzinski, Jerry Caton, Kiersten Shea - Department of Emergency Services

Cheryl Chalk, William Baker, Frances Gunn - Sheriff's Office/Corrections

Becky Trossbach, Jacqueline Elder, Vicki Goss, Pam Allen - Department of Finance

Jessica Hale - Department of Recreation and Parks

Sue Veith - Department of Economic Development

Cynthia Dyson, Jeanette Davis - Treasurer's Office

Sheila Smith - Department of Land Use & Growth Management

Angela Blondino - County Attorney's Office

Lexington Park Development District Land Use and Zoning Districts Mapping Project Team St. Mary's Planning Commission: **Bob Kelly**, IT Dept, **Eric Benson**, IT Dept, **Amy Carter**, Public Information Office, **David Weiskopf**, County Attorney, **Kathleen Easley**, LUGM, **Brandy Glenn**, LUGM, **Sandie Greene**, LUGM, **Laura Kay**, LUGM

B. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Years of Service Awards

Present: Catherine Pratson, Director

June Robrecht, Deputy Director

The following individuals were recognized for years of service to St. Mary's County Government.

10 Years

Susan Dugan - Circuit Court

David Weiskopf - County Attorney Office

Brandy McKlevey - County Attorney Office

Sharon Ferris - County Administrator Office

Sheila Graziano - Department of Aging and Human Services

Elaine Kauffman - Department of Aging and Human Services

James Bush - Department of Public Works and Transportation

Ralph Broome - Department of Public Works and Transportation

Robert Evans - Department of Public Works and Transportation

Sonya Staats - Department of Finance

Charles Holzberger - Sheriff Office

Timothy Snyder - Sheriff Office

Lindsay Irvin - Sheriff Office

Glen Knott - Sheriff Office

Brandon Foor - Sheriff Office

15 Years

Linda Baird - Department of Public Works and Transportation

June Williams - Department of Public Works and Transportation

Chip McGlorick - Department of Public Works and Transportation

Joann Copsey - Department of Public Works and Transportation

Lisa Ledman - Department of Economic Development

Kathryn Chaney - Department of Information Technology

Jennifer Talton, - Department of Information Technology

Keith Moritz - Sheriff Office

Michael Thompson - Sheriff Office

Melissa Hulse - Sheriff Office

Sarah Smith - Sheriff Office

William Coyne - Sheriff Office

Scott Ruest - Sheriff Office

20 Years

Mark Miller - Department of Public Works and Transportation

Jennifer Connelly - Department of Emergency Services

Jeannett Cudmore - Department of Finance

Jim Farren - Department of Recreation and Parks
Robert Bailey - Department of Recreation and Parks
David Corcoran - Sheriff Office
David Yingling - Sheriff Office
Kelly Crosby - Sheriff Office
Mark Howard - Sheriff Office
Lotti Bell - Sheriff Office
Valerie Hayden - Sheriff Office
Douglas Mills - Sheriff Office
Ralph Butler - Sheriff Office
Larry Johnson - Sheriff Office

25 Years

Pat Arnold - Department of Land Use and Growth Management

30 Years

David Guyther - Department of Recreation and Parks
David Oliver - Department of Recreation and Parks
Deborah Diedrich - Sheriff Office

C. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Request for Public Hearing - Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment

I move to authorize staff to schedule a public hearing for the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to allow Use #88: Airport, Landing Strip and Heliport in Resource Conservation Areas (RCA).

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR APRIL 30, AND MAY 7, 2019

B. BOARD OF EDUCATION - Local School System Safety Evaluation Grant Program Award

I move to approve the increase to the St. Mary's County Public Schools FY2019 Budget by \$49,505 to support the implementation of the Local School System Safety Evaluation Grant Program.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Agreement - Budget Amendment

I move to accept the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Service Agreement and approve the related budget amendment to set the related budget as Federal Grant, Project US1932, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

D. ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION - Presentation of FY2020 Capital Improvement Budget and FY2021 - 2025 Capital Improvement Plan

Present: George E. Erichsen, P.E. Executive Director
Patricia Stiegman, Chief Financial Officer
Christy Hollander, Chief Engineer

An overview of FY2020 Capital Improvement Budget and FY2021 - 2025 Capital Improvement Plan was presented.

E. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Visit St. Mary's MD Marketing and Media Plan

Present: Chris Kaselemis, Director of Economic Development
Jason Aul, Director, Visit St. Mary's MD

Review of the FY2020 Marketing Plan for Visit St. Mary's MD was presented.

F. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Budget Amendment for FY2019 Snow Season

I move to approve realigning budget allocation to cover costs related to the FY2019 snow season and the Sept flooding/severe weather event for emergency pay, snow removal and other services expenses for the amount of \$1,356,292 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the budget amendment.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

G. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Tobacco Free Resolution

I move to approve the Tobacco Free Resolution for St. Mary's County Government property.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

H. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES: FY2019 Grant Award (Year 1 of 3) for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grant from the Corporation for National & Community Service.

I move to approve 1) the FY2019 Notification of Grant Award (NGA) for the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) three year grant, project #US1910, from the Corporation for National & Community Service in the amount of \$40,000 and 2) the related budget amendment to realign funds within the grant and to cover the County portion increase of \$15,883, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

I. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - DHMH Interagency Agreement, Grant Proposal and Related Certifications and Assurances for New Horizons Summer Camp

I move to approve the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Human Services Interagency Agreement, Grant Proposal and Related Certifications and Assurances, on behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks, in the amount of \$29,781, for the New Horizons Summer Camp and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

J. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Acceptance of Lilliflora Drive and Yulan Street in the Magnolia Park Subdivision into the County Roadway Network

Motion 1: I move to adopt the Resolution to accept Lilliflora Drive and Yulan Street in the Magnolia Park Subdivision, within the Wildewood Planned Unit Development (PUD), into the St. Mary's County Highway Maintenance System.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

Motion 2: I move to adopt the Ordinance setting a maximum speed and establishing stop intersections for Lilliflora Drive and Yulan Street in the Magnolia Park Subdivision, within the Wildewood Planned Unit Development (PUD)

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

K. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Gateway Chesapeake Bay Grant Application

Motion 1: I move to approve the completion of application for a grant regarding Golden Beach Comprehensive Stormwater and Resiliency Plan, and authorize the execution of the transmittals by the department and have the Commissioner President sign any necessary documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

Motion 2: I move to approve the completion of application for a grant regarding Myrtle Point Park Shoreline Resiliency Project, and authorize the execution of the transmittals by the department and have the Commissioner President sign any necessary documents

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

Motion 3: I move to approve the completion of application for a grant regarding Piney Point Road on St. Georges Island Shoreline Stabilization, and authorize the execution of the transmittals by the department and have the Commissioner President sign any necessary documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

L. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Railroad Right-of-Way Easement Agreement

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute an Easement Agreement with Thomas Builders at Leonardtown, LLC for the installation of subsurface utility lines in the Railroad right-of-way.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

M. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Railroad Right-of-Way Deed of Donation

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute a Deed of Donation to the State Highway Administration for a portion of the Railroad right-of-way at the intersection of St. Mary's Marketplace and St. Andrew's Church Road.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

N. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Korean War Remembrance Wall

I move to approve the budget amendment for \$1,640 to fund the inscription of those St. Mary's County heroes killed in action in the Korean War on the Wall of Remembrance.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

O. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Personnel Contract

I move to approve the Communications Director personnel contract and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan

P. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Website Quarterly Update

Present: Bob Kelly, Director, Department of Information Technology
Arthur Shepherd, Director Department of Recreation and Parks

Reviewed the St. Mary's County Government website and provided updates.

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past two weeks and provided general comments.

7. CLOSED SESSION

This item was postponed until a later date.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned approximately 11:14 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St Mary's County on ____ April 30, 2019 _____

____ JB _____
Julie Burch, Recorder

9. BUDGET HEARING - LEONARDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, 23995 POINT LOOKOUT RD., LEONARDTOWN, MD

Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy

Commissioner Eric Colvin

Commissioner John E. O'Connor

Commissioner Todd B. Morgan

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

Jeannette Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer

Jody Quasney, Deputy Director, Dept. of Finance

Tashima Reese, Communications Coordinator, Public Information Office

Amy Carter, Video Media Producer, Public Information Office

Sharon Ferris, Executive Assistant to the Commissioners

Julie Burch, Sr. Admin. Coordinator to the Commissioners

Absent: Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator opened the public hearing for the FY2020 Recommended Budget at 6:32 pm in the Leonardtown High School Auditorium. Following introductions of honored guests, Dr. Bridgett introduced Commissioner President Guy who introduced the other Commissioners and provided welcoming remarks.

Ms. Cudmore noted there would be six public hearings tonight: Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Tax Increase, Constant Yield Tax Rate, Income Tax Rate Increase, Land Use & Growth Management and Public Works & Transportation Fee Rate Changes, Recreation & Parks Activity Fund Fees and the FY2020 Recommended Budget. She presented an overview of the \$ 259.4 million FY2020 Recommended Budget highlighting Revenue Sources and General Fund Expenditures. The budget includes a Constant Yield Rate at \$.08426 per \$100 of assessed value; a property tax increase to 0.9078. Funding for the Board of Education is \$108.3 million and the Sheriff's Office \$44.9million. Funding for County Departments is \$52.4 million. County funding includes 20 planned vehicle replacements, Emergency Services is upgrading its technology and transitioning from its current 9-1-1 service provider, Public Works is expanding bus service, a Merit Increase on the anniversary date for Regular and Regular Part Time employees, and a 1% COLA.

Dr. Bridgett moderated the following 6 public hearings.

MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE TAX INCREASE

Dr. Bridgett opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Public comments given by:

William Byant, 27272 Cox Dr., Mechanicsville, MD 20659

The public hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE

Dr. Bridgett opened the public hearing at 7:02

Public comments given by:

Judy Szynborsk, 8440 Old Leonardtown Rd., Hughesville, MD 20637

Deb Rey, P. O. Box 1406, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Jimmy Hayden, 41913 Sara Ann Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Theresa Kuhns, 8440 Old Leonardtown Rd., Hughesville, MD 20637

Joe Gardner, 17591 River Dr., Piney Point, MD 20674

William Byant, 27272 Cox Dr., Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Judith Mattingly, P.O. Box 716, Hollywood, MD 20636

John Mountjoy 23202 Pembrook Dr., Hollywood, MD 20636

Trish Brown, 45328 Mill Cove Harbor Rd., California, MD 20619

The public hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

INCOME TAX RATE INCREASE

Dr. Bridgett opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Public comments given by:

Deb Rey, P.O. Box 1406, Leonardtown, MD 20650

John Mountjoy, 23202 Pembrook Dr., Hollywood, MD 20636

Fulton Letourneau, 39100 Chaptico Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Matt Burgan, Piney Point, MD 20674

The public hearing closed at 7:31 p.m.

LAND USE & GROWTH MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION FEE RATE CHANGES

Dr. Bridgett opened the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Public comments given by:

Deb Rey, P.O. Box 1406, Leonardtown, MD 20650

The public hearing closed at 7:33 p.m.

RECREATION & PARKS ACTIVITY FUND FEES

Dr. Bridgett opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Public comments given by:

Deb Rey, 18364 Chestnut St., Lexington Park, MD 20653

Judith Gwynn, 19899 N. Snow Hill Manor, Lexington Park, MD 20653

The public hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

FY2020 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Dr. Bridgett opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Public comments given by:

J. Scott Smith, Moakley St., Leonardtown MD 20650
Frank Phillips, 40590 Valencia Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Michael Brown, 23078 Esperanza Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Teri Branch, 22208 Hannover Dr., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Jean McDougall, 14280 Solomons Island Rd., Solomons, MD 20688
Paul Kelly, 41885 Medleys Neck Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Harold Insley, 24510 Hollywood Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636
Dawn Murphy, 45246 Birch Circle, California, MD 20619
Deb Rey, P.O. Box 1406, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Mark Pinkel, 44026 W. Leola Ct., Hollywood, MD 20636
Chris Hill, 19858 Summerwood Ct., Great Mills, MD 20634
Melissa Willey, 21514 Rominger Ct., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Maria Scott, 28820 Riverwater Dr., Mechanicsville, MD 20659
Rick Watts, 20892 Dry Mill St., Great Mills, MD 20634
William Hall 45579 Catalina Ln., California, MD 20619
Brittany Murphy, 21311A Bennett Estates Ln., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Usha Iswara, 23433 Canna Ct., California, MD 20619
Keith Hash, 23522 Watervale Dr., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Commissioner President Guy thanked citizens for attending the meeting, stated that the comment period would remain open until April 30, 2019, and noted comments should be mailed to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or emailed to: csmc@stmarysmd.com. The public hearing closed at 8:32 p.m.